



The Shepherd & The Shepherds

Luke 2:8-14



[8] And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. [9] And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. [10] And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. [11] For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. [12] And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” [13] And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, [14] “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

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Jesus chose to call himself unclean
that we might be purified.

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Luke 2:9-10

God's goodness is a terrible, fearful weight
except for those who have heard and
received the great, joyful word.

[11] For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

"The most divine Caesar...we should consider equal to the Beginning of all things...for when everything was falling into disorder and tending toward dissolution, he restored it once more and gave the whole world a new aspect; Caesar...the common good Fortune of all...The Beginning of life and vitality...All the cities unanimously adopt the birthday of the divine Caesar as the new beginning of the year...Whereas the Providence which has regulated our whole existence...has brought our life to the climax of perfection in giving to us the emperor Augustus...who being sent to us and our descendants as Savior, has put an end to war and has set all things in order; and whereas, having become God manifest, Caesar has fulfilled all the hopes of earlier times...the birthday of the God Augustus has been for the whole world the beginning of good news concerning him."

Priene Inscription, Western Turkey, 9 BC

Caesar Augustus

1. **Savior of the World:** Ender of War, Bringer of *Pax Romana* which is the *Peace of Rome*.
2. **Climax of Perfection:** The Ultimate Emperor, the Ruler of Rome and therefore The World.
3. **Having Become God Manifest:** The Son of Julius Caesar, one elevated to Godhood after his death, first of the Imperial Cult

Jesus

1. **Savior:** The True Savior of the common-folk, the True Savior of the world, the bringer of *Pax Mundi* which is the *Peace of The World*.
2. **Christ (Messiah):** God's Anointed Davidic-King, King of Israel, the prophesied ruler who would lead "the people" to God.
3. **Lord (YHWH):** He is not *from* God, he is not *of* God, he is *YHWH (GOD) Himself*.

“While the emperor may give peace from war on land and sea, he is unable to give peace from passion, grief, and envy. He cannot give peace of heart, for which man yearns more than even for outward peace.”

Epictetus, a Contemporary of Luke

Jesus birth is a condemnation of all worldly powers than and all worldly powers now.

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Luke 2:12-14

Jesus brought God's peace by closing
the gap between heaven and earth.

What Has God Shown You?

- Jesus makes the unclean clean through his presence.
- To know and believe God's Word is to replace Great Fear with Great Joy.
- There is but one Power, and that is Jesus.
- Peace with God is promised to those who love Jesus.



If you have received and believed the Word of God, you have been qualified to evangelize to the entire world.